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SUBJ: AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL EVEREST EXPEDITION

1. FISCHER AND USIS DIRECTOR MET THIS MORNING WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER TO DISCUSS PRESS COVERAGE OF EXPEDITION. IN PRINCIPLE, MINISTRY HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO CBS TEAM, BUT WE NEED BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION BY TELEGRAM IF AT ALL POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ASSURE MINISTRY THAT CAMERA TEAM IS TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED TO GO ABOVE ICEFALL.

2. CBS TEAM WILL ALSO HAVE TO OBTAIN ACCREDITATION FROM MINISTRY FOR INFORMATION, BUT MFA REPRESENTATIVE GAVE ORAL ASSURANCES HE WILL EXPEDITE PERMIT.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THIRD SHIPMENT OF GOODS WILL CONTAIN PRECISELY THAT EQUIPMENT WHICH IS MOST DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN IMPORT LICENSES FOR, E.G., RADIOS, CAMERAS AND FILM. FROM DATE WE RECEIVE INVOICE LIST IT WILL TAKE MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS TO CLEAR THROUGH CUSTOMS. SINCE SATURDAYS ARE GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS IT WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GET GEAR THROUGH CUSTOMS, PACKED AND READY FOR PORTER LOADS FOR AUGUST 1 DEPARTURE. SIMILARLY WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FOR TREKKING PERMITS FOR FRIENDS, ANOTHER PROCES THAT REQUIRES 48 HOURS TO COMPLETE. ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SHOULD BE ADVISED TO BRING PHOTOGRAPHS.

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4. USIS PLANNING TO HOLD GENERAL PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 30
AT 11:00 A.M.

5. ANY NEWS ON CHANDLER ARRIVAL?
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